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JUDGE ARTHUR C. MCFARLAND RETIRES AS MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Charleston, SC. On December 18, 2009, Judge Arthur C. McFarland retired as the Municipal Court Judge for the City of Charleston. In 1976, he was appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Charleston and has served as its Chief Judge for the past 28 years.

Judge McFarland is a native of Charleston, South Carolina and a graduate of Bishop England High School where he, along with 8 other African-American students, desegregated the school in 1964. In 1970, Judge McFarland received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Government from Notre Dame University. In 1973, he received his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School. He is admitted to practice before the State, Federal and U.S. Supreme Courts.

After serving as an Earl Warren Fellow with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York, Judge McFarland entered the private practice of law in Charleston. His practice includes litigating employment and civil rights cases.

Judge McFarland has been involved in numerous organizations in Charleston and across the country. He is immediate Past Supreme Knight and CEO of the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., the largest Black Catholic organization with units in 33 states, the District of Columbia and San Andres Island, Colombia, South America. He is a member of the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation, the 100 Black Men of Charleston, and the Jenkins Institute for Children.

Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "The service of Judge Arthur C. McFarland to the City of Charleston, Municipal Court and the citizens of Charleston has been exceptional. We all have treasured working with Judge McFarland during these past years. I wish him the best during his well deserved retirement."

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